Glut in cotton market

25. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the relaxation of using cotton up to 20 counts has created a glut in the cotton market and has affected the farmers adversely; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) There is no such decision of the Government relaxing the use of cotton up to 20 counts which has created a glut the cotton market and affected the farmers adversely.

(b) Does not arise.

Production of silk

26. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Karnataka is the biggest producer of silk in India; and

(b) what are the figures of silk production during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is attached.

Statement

Production of Raw Silk during the years 1981-82 *to* 1983-84

(*in Lakh kg.*)

	States	1981-82	1982-83	1983-8
1	Andhra Pradesh	5.65	7.56	9.09
2	Assam	1.71	1.89	2.45
3	Bihar	1.90	1.70	2.93
4	Jammu and Kashmir	0.76	0.49	0.44
5	Madhya Pradesh	0.54	0.45	0.60
6	Karnataka	30.00	32.00	38.45
7	Punjab	—	—	0.02
8	Tamil Nadu	5.30	5.00	6.40
9	Uttar Pradesh	0.05	0.18	0.17
10	West Bengal	6.19	6.82	7.18
11	Himachal Pradesh	0.02	0.03	0.03
12	Meghalaya	—	—	0.44
13	Manipur	0.34	0.35	0.06
14	Tripura	0.01	0.02	0.01
15	Orissa	0.02	0.51	0.73
16	Others	—	—	0.23
	TOTAL :	52.49	57.00	64.23

State-wise production figures for the year 1984-85 have not yet been compiled.